Ban on NCERT books

†706. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Chattisgarh has imposed a ban on the NCERT books in the schools;

(b) whether it is a fact that Chief Minister's photographs have been printed in the school books instead of that of Mahatma Gandhi;

(c) if so, whether it is not a disrespect to the Father of the Nation; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) The Government of Chhattisgarh has informed that it has separate textbooks.

(b) It has been informed by the Government of Chattisgarh that the photograph of Mahatma Gandhi has been printed in textbooks as also the photograph of the Chief Minister.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Disparity in fee structure

707. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Competent Authority is aware of the huge disparities in fee structure between the Professional colleges owned by Government Co-operative societies, private and self-financing institutions;

(b) if so, the details of the fee structure in the above colleges as on today, State-wise, category-wise;

(c) the details of capitation fee as on today in self-financing Medical and Engineering colleges, State-wise, category-wise;

(d) whether there is any proposal to control fee structures in the above Professional colleges;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(e) if so, details thereof; and

(f) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) to (f) Yes, Sir. The Government of India has received proposal to control fee structures in the professional colleges. In this regard, a draft Bill has been prepared and is being circulated to all the State Governments, concerned Ministries and other stakeholders to elicit their views for regulation of admission and fixation of fee in private professional educational Institutions.

Derogatory references in Saraswati Shishu Mandir curriculum

708. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the literature used in the schools under Saraswati Shishu Mandir is being properly studied;

(b) if so, the objectionable passages found therein;

(c) whether it is a fact that derogatory references about Gandhiji are found in that literature;

(d) if so, the steps being taken to remove them; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (e) The CABE Committee on "Regulatory Mechanisms for Textbooks and Parallel Textbooks Taught in Schools Outside the Government System" undertook content analysis of textbooks taught in different states including schools under Saraswati Shishu Mandir.

The Committee has found certain objectionable portions in some of such textbooks. The Committee's recommendations are under examination.